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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Juha Punnonen et al.

Application No.: 09/724,869

Filed: November 28, 2000

For: OPTIMIZATION OF
IMMUNOMODULATORY
PROPERTIES OF GENETIC
VACCINES

Examiner: Teresa D. Wessendorf

Art Unit: 1627

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2002 (Paper No. 10), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Enclosed herewith are the following documents:

- 1) A Petition for an Extension of Time of Five Months, extending the time period for response to March 27, 2003;
- 2) A Statement Under 37 CFR § 3.73(b);
- 3) A Revocation and Substitution of Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent;
- 4) Fee Transmittal; and
- 5) Transmittal Form.

Please amend the specification and claims as follows: